

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 585

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas on the occasion of its First Men and Boys Conference, which is being held in Austin April 15 through 19, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, The conference theme is "Becoming Christ-Like Men in Times Like These"; the conference will address the many difficulties minority youths must overcome to become productive men in society; and

**WHEREAS**, Using biblical principles, members of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas have developed a program to help lead young men to victory over the challenges they face and to cultivate meaningful mentoring relationships between men and boys; and

**WHEREAS**, Statistics are not favorable for minority youths in the areas of employment, educational achievement, and physical and mental health issues; these concerns and a growing rate of incarceration of African-Americans and other minorities must be faced and dealt with, and the conference is a significant step in that direction; and

**WHEREAS**, The First Men and Boys Conference is supported by many churches, pastors, and community leaders, and it assuredly will have a positive impact on the lives of minority youths and ultimately all citizens throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend members of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas for their worthy goals and extend to them best wishes for success in the First Men and Boys Conference; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate